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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 9, 2014

DATE: December 3, 2014
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Joey Orduna Hastings, Assistant County Manager
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SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to establish a process to fill a vacant Assembly seat – Washoe County District 24, including soliciting applicants, screening applicants and to establish the process and timeframe for appointment. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Discussion and possible action to establish a process to fill a vacant Assembly seat - Washoe County District 24, including soliciting applicants, screening applicants and to establish the process and timeframe for appointment.

County Priority/Goal supported by this item: safe, secure and healthy communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action taken. However, at the January 11, 2011 Board of County Commission meeting the Commissioners discussed and approved a process to appoint a candidate to the vacant Washoe Senate seat District 3. A subsequent appointment was made by the Board.

BACKGROUND

David Bobzien, Assembly District 24, was selected to assume a vacant Reno City Council at-large seat on December 3, 2014. Per NRS 218A.260 the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners must appoint someone to fill the vacant seat in Assembly District 24.

NRS 218A.260 Procedure for filling vacancy in office [specifically sections (1), (2), and (4)]:

1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of a Legislator during a regular or special session or at a time when no biennial election or regular election at which county officers are to be elected will take place between the occurrence of the vacancy and the next regular or special session, the vacancy must be filled in the manner provided in this section.

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2. If the former Legislator was elected or appointed from a district wholly within one county, the board of county commissioners of the county in which the district is located shall fill the vacancy by appointing a person who is a member of the same political party as the former Legislator and who actually, as opposed to constructively, resides in the district.

4. The board of county commissioners or the board of the county with the largest population in the district shall issue a certificate of appointment naming the appointee. The county clerk or the clerk of the county with the largest population in the district shall give the certificate to the appointee and send a copy of the certificate to the Secretary of State.

Following a process as determined by the Board an individual selected would serve in the Nevada Legislature beginning February 2, 2015. This individual, if he or she chose to do so, could run for Washoe Assembly District 24 in the next available biennial election in 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commission discuss and take action to establish a process to fill a vacant Assembly seat - Washoe County District 24, including soliciting applicants, screening applicants and to establish the process and timeframe for appointment.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the Board of County Commissioners agree with the staff's recommendation, move to take action to establish a process to fill a vacant Assembly seat - Washoe County District 24, including soliciting applicants, screening applicants and to establish the process and timeframe for appointment.